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Impossibility of Transshipments of
Chilean Copper to the USSR via Argentina

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1. ~~During a conversation with~~ the topic of re-export of Chilean copper from Argentina to the USSR. ~~Based~~ on his experience in the copper export trade, my acquaintance stated that it would be impossible for an Argentine firm to realize a profit from the transshipment of Chilean copper to the USSR.
2. He admitted that such a transaction would be prompted by political reasons rather than business reasons, but claimed that the current political climate in Argentina would not be conducive to such a pro-Soviet transaction.
3. Regarding pro-Soviet activity in Argentina, my friend did say that he was concerned over the fact that the Argentine police, in their recent sacking of the headquarters of the opposition parties, did not touch the headquarters of the Communist Party.
4. My friend had no information on any export or import of oil drilling equipment.

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